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## **Fort Madison Bridge to close Sept. 13**

**QUINCY** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that the Fort Madison Bridge (Illinois 9) that crosses the Mississippi River between Niota and Fort Madison, Iowa, will close on Monday, Sept. 13.

The closure is necessary for repairs and inspection of the railroad. A detour will be posted that will direct traffic to the U.S. 136 bridge in Hamilton and Keokuk, Iowa. Work is expected to be completed by Oct. 17.

No traffic will be permitted to cross the Fort Madison Bridge during inspections, and motorists are encouraged to follow the posted detour and should allow for extra travel time. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,500 miles of highway and 9 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Accomplishments through Year Two included approximately \$5.2 billion of improvements statewide on 3,020 miles of highway, 270 bridges and 428 additional safety improvements.

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